MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): Has such an order been passed with respect to the working of the department for the protector of depressed classes during the last year?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): There is no annual report for that department as in the case of other departments. It is a special report that he was asked to send.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): Am I to understand that it was not an annual report that was received from him?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It was not an annual report like those submitted in the case of other departments. He was a Special Officer and he was asked to report on the work that had been done.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): Is there any way of knowing the work that has been done?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The report is available in the office of the Secretary to the Legislative Council and can be perused by the Member if he likes.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): It may be possible for *me* to go through the report. The public have no means of knowing it. If at least an order is passed by the Government, that may be published and the people may get some information about the work.

PRESIDENT: I think you would like to see that the report is published. I will consider whether we can print and publish it. I will look into the matter myself.

Honorary Co-operative Organisers for Nanjinad.

381. MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(1) the number of co-operative societies in the taluks of Tovala and Agastisvaram;

(2) whether the Registrar of Co-operative Societies recommended to the Government recently the appointment of an honorary co-operative organiser for Nanjinad;

(3) the name of the person or persons so recommended;

(4) the action taken by the Government on the recommendation; and

(5) if no orders have been passed yet, whether, in the interests of the progress of co-operation in Tamil taluks, the Government will sanction the appointment at an early date?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (1) The number of Co-operative Societies in Tovala is 11 and in Agastisvaram 44.

(2) The appointment of an honorary co-operative organiser for Nanjinad was sanctioned on the 29th April 1925; but when this gentleman changed his headquarters from Nagercoil to Eraniel, another gentleman was recommended by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies.

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(3), (4) and (5) The recommendation is under consideration and orders will be passed as early as possible.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know why part (3) of my question is not answered ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : I have given my answer to that. The recommendation is under consideration. The names cannot be given until after the recommendation is considered.

Rural Reconstruction.

382. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that most of the thickly populated rural areas in the State are at present in a less satisfactory condition as regards facilities for agriculture and communications than in former times and are therefore deteriorating economically ?

(*b*) Will they be pleased to remedy this disastrous state of affairs by setting apart a fair portion of the revenues from all sources in each taluk for rural reconstruction in the particular area ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The subject is covered by a resolution proposed by the Member which has been ballotted for discussion at this meeting of the Council.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have any scheme of rural reconstruction under contemplation ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : None at present.

Construction of a Rest House in Trivandrum for the use of People's Representatives.

383. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to arrange a rest house with a number of small kitchens, small bed-rooms, and other conveniences for the use of the Members of the Legislative Council and other representatives of the people during their stay at Trivandrum on public business ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : This will be borne in mind when the construction of a Council Chamber comes up for action.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): In the answer it is stated : "This will be borne in mind when the construction of a Council Chamber comes up for action." Cannot something be done temporarily before that ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : That will be considered.

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